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1. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL. EMBASSY CONCEPT OF RESPECTIVE ROLES OF CONOFF, INTERPRETER AND LEGAL ADVISOR HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. WE WILL BE METICULOUS IN OBTAINING CONSENT OF U.S. PRISONERS TO USE OF EMBASSY HIRED INTERPRETERS AND TO PRESENCE OF CONOFF AND EMB LEGAL ADVISOR AT JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

2. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND CONSUL, MET WITH SUB-SECRETARY OF JUSTICE LEDESMA MARCH 14 AS PLANNED (REF B). USE OF EMBASSY-HIRED INTERPRETER AND PRESENCE OF CONOFF AND EMB LEGAL ADVISOR AS OBSERVERS AT HEARING WAS DISCUSSED, THE AMBASSADOR POINTING OUT THAT THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PRISONERS. LEDESMA SAW NO PROBLEMS FROM BOLIVIAN LEGAL OR PROCEDURAL VIEWPOINT AND AGREED THAT EMB ASSISTANCE AND OVERSEEING OF PERFORMANCE BY INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS' ATTORNEYS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN MOVING CASES FORWARD. LEDESMA ALSO MADE SUGGESTION THAT CASES WOULD BE ARGUED MORE EFFECTIVELY IF ALL NARCOTICS CASES WERE TO BE HANDLED BY ONE OR TWO SELECTED ATTORNEYS DESIGNATED OR HIRED BY THE EMBASSY. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT UNDER U.S. LAWS,
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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CLIENT AND ATTORNEY WAS PRIVILEGED AND THAT EMB COULD NOT INTERFERE IN CLIENT'S PERSONAL CHOICE.

3. IT TURNED OUT THAT LEDESMA'S RECENT TRIP TO SUCRE (REF B) WAS TO DISCUSS SHORTAGE OF JUDGES IN LA PAZ AND TO URGE CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT TO ARRANGE TDY IN LA PAZ FOR ONE OR MORE JUDGES TO SPEED UP HANDLING OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER PRISONERS. CHIEF

JUSTICE WILL BE IN LA PAZ THIS WEEK AND AMBASSADOR PLANS MEET WITH HIM IF FEASIBLE. LEDESMA SAYS SERIOUS PROBLEM IN SETTING UP ADDITIONAL COURT IS ACUTE SHORTAGE OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER OFFICE SPACE IN LA PAZ (TO WHICH EMB BEARS WITNESS) BUT THAT MINISTRY HOPES TO FIND TEMPORARILY UNOCCUPIED HOUSE.

4. CASES OF INDIVIDUAL PRISONERS WERE REVIEWED WITH LEDESMA, WHO HAD JUST RECEIVED NEW STATUS REPORT. HE NOTED THAT THREE CASES (A) BOGGES, KLOEHN, LACROIX AND MCDONALD, (B) FLOYD AND (C) PAULSEN AND SANDERS, WERE IN FINAL HEARINGS AND THAT SENTENCING SHOULD FOLLOW.

THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN URGED CONCENTRATED ACTION ON THOSE CASES WHERE EVIDENCE WEAKEST, THE VIOLATION LEAST AND WHERE TIME SERVED AWAITING COURT PROCEEDINGS LIKELY TO EQUAL OR EXCEED THE SENTENCE.

5. LETTER REQUESTING TRANSFER OF GOLDMAN TO CLINIC (REF C) GIVEN TO LEDESMA WHO SAID MATTER WOULD BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. HE NOTED GOLDMAN HAD MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE AND COULD NOT BE PUT INTO UNGUARDED CLINIC. PERHAPS THERE WAS A MILITARY HOSPITAL WHERE HE COULD BE INTERRED FOR TREATMENT.
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